Memorandum by Kutch Passengers Association to the Western Railway

2373. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kutch Passengers Association had recently demonstrated at the Western Railway Headquarters at Bombay and presented a memorandum to the General Manager; if so, what are their main demands;

(b) whether the timings of Gandhidham Express would be changed to suit the needs of the people of Kutch;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to augment the strength of this train; if not, what is the average waiting list from both ends;

(d) whether there is a proposal to name the train as Kutch Express; if so, by when; and

(e) whether Gandhidham would be delinked from Ajmer Division and placed under Baroda Division for the convenience of the people of Gujarat; if so, by when a decision in this regard would be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The main demands were:- (i) Change in the timings of 31|32 Bombay Central-Gandhidham Express. (ii) Augmentation of the load of 31|32 Bombay Central-Gandhidham Express (iii) Construction of a new BG line from Gandhidham to Bhuj Nalia. (iv) Formation of Gandhidham Division. (v) Increasing the length & height of platforms at Bhachau, Samakhiali and Gandhidham.

(vi) Renaming of Gandhidham Express as Kutch Mail or Kutch Express.

(b) Not for the present.

(c) No, Sir. The number of passengers left on the waiting list per day during Sep, '88 to Feb. '89 in Gandhidham Exp. were as under:—

Station	AC 2-tier	Ist	IInd
At Bombay Central	1	1	65
At Gandhidham	7	3	12

(d) Yes, Sir. With effect from 1-5-1989.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration.

Change in the name of Pune-Ahmedabad Train

2374 DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals have been received by Government from various passengers organisations to change the name of the Pune-Ahmedabad Train to Ahimasa Express; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggested names are "Gandhi-Tilak Express", "Ahimasa Express", "Kasturba Express", "Shraddhanjali Express",

झांसी में रेल पुल का निर्माण

2375. **डा० गोविन्द दास रिछारिया** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्होंने झांसी में झांसी स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म से सीपरी बाजार क्षेत्र के लिये यात्रियों के लिये एक पुल का निर्माण किये जाने की घोषणा की

थी तथा इसे शीघ्र पूरा करने का आश्वासन भी दिया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कार्य कब प्रारम्भ होगा और इस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख) झांसी रेलवे स्टेशन पर पूर्व से पश्चिम तक सभी प्लेटफार्म को जोड़ते हुए स्टेशन के पश्चिम की ओर स्थित स्प्री बाजार तक एक उपरी पैदल पुल का 33,88 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर निर्माण किया जा रहा हैं और इसके मार्च 1990 तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

सीकर जिले में नए रेलवे स्टेशन का आरम्भ

2376. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में सीकर जिले में सीकर पूर्व के नाम से एक रेलवे स्टेशन मंजूर हुआ था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेलवे अधिकारियों द्वारा सर्वेक्षण पूरा होने के पश्चात् भी इस परियोजना पर अभी तक कार्य प्रारम्भ क्यों नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) इस कार्य के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Hill Trains in the Country

2377. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of hill trains in the country giving their routes;

(b) which of them are remunerative; and

(c) what steps Railways propose to take about the routes which are not remunerative?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) There are no trains known as "Hill Trains". However some of the sections serving hill stations on which trains are running are, Kalka-Simla, Pathankot-Joginder Nagar, New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling, Mettupalayam-Ootacamund and Neral-Matheran.

(b) None of these is remunerative.

(c) The following measures have been taken from time to time to reduce the losses:

(i) Introduction of Diesel Rail Cars;

(ii) Economy in staff.

(iii) Curbing ticketless travel.

(iv) Closure of unremunerative stations.

(v) Timely supply of wagons and efficient transhipment.

Deaths at the time of crossing of railway lines

2378. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of deaths reported while crossing lines in the country during the last three years, yearwise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Such statistics are not maintained.